



# HAWAIIAN ISLANDS HUMPBAC WHALE NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY



## Habitats

Humpback whale  
breeding, calving,  
& nursing grounds

Coral reefs

Sandy substrate

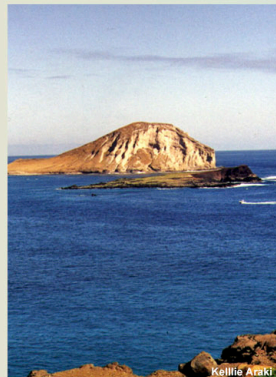


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## Key Species

Humpback whale

Spinner dolphin

Hawaiian Monk seal

False killer whale

Green sea turtle

Reef fish

Coral



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## Astonishing Facts

*The shallow warm waters surrounding the main Hawaiian Islands constitute one of the world's most important habitats for the endangered humpback whale.*

*Nearly 2/3 of the entire North Pacific population of humpback whales migrates to Hawaii each winter.*







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## Astonishing Fact

*A humpback whale calve is typically 14 feet at birth and may weigh as much as 2 tons.*



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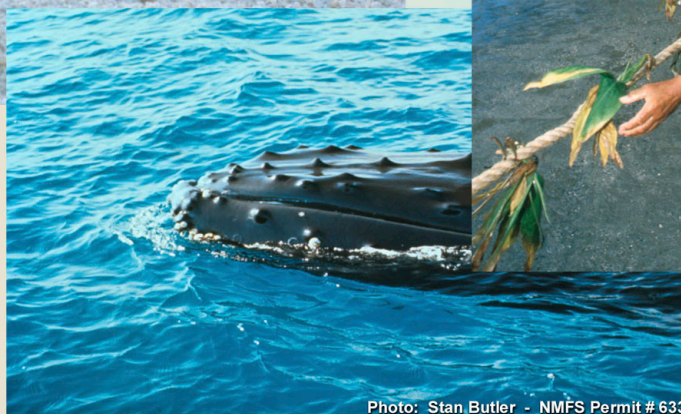


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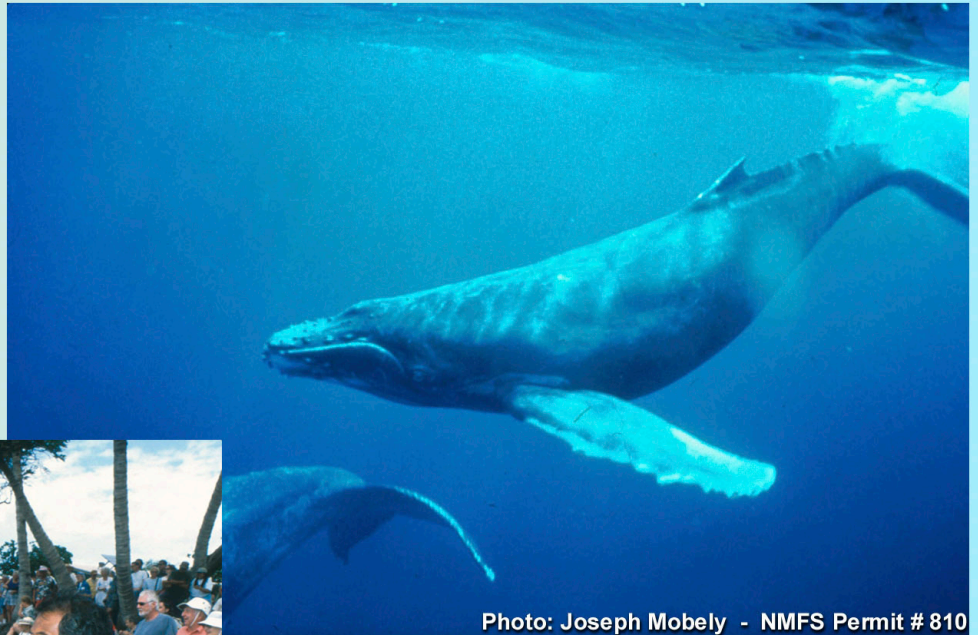


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November 1992*